



Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Baptist Medical Center
8:00am – Howard 214

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 8:10am in Function room C by Dr. Atkins, President.

ATTENDANCE: The roster of attendance is filed in the WCH Medical Affairs Office, recorded in the medical staff database, ECHO.

GUESTS: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 30, 2019 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
WELCOME	Dr. Atkins called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. She asked that the minutes from the last meeting be reviewed and for a motion to approve.	Motion made to approve the minutes. Minutes accepted.	Minutes to the WCH Medical Board for information.
OLD BUSINESS	<u>Annual Awards Banquet</u> – Dr. Atkins provided an overview of the upcoming dinner on Friday, June 7 at One Ocean.	Accepted as information.	None
NEW BUSINESS	<u>Monetary Donations / Application for Support</u> – Dr. Atkins discussed a patient’s painting she accepted, on behalf of the Society, from the Healing Hearts Walk, a group that we have contributed to in the past. She also described two donations we’d made in the past and intend to support this year as well (NE FL Medical Legal partnership and the annual bioethics conference). She discussed the mission of Bridges to Justice initiative which seeks to aid families that have legal issues that create obstacles for their child to receive medical care. Wanting to formalize and qualify the process of requests for funding, Ms. Zebe developed a form. Interested parties would complete the template, return it to Ms. Zebe who will forward it to the executive committee for review and to make a determination whether to support or not.	Accepted as information.	None

Educational Dinners – Dr. Atkins discussed the need for more educational dinners throughout the year for members. This was brought up at the Advisory Committee meeting in February. She was approached by a malpractice insurer willing to host a dinner this Fall. Ms. Zebe added that we have also been approached by Abbott to host a dinner. Accepted as information. None

Volunteer activities – Dr. Atkins also discussed Hunger Fight, who we have contributed to as an organization. They have presented an opportunity to participate in a “Stuff the Bag” food drive, on a Saturday, this Fall. It takes 2-3 hours to assemble food packs that will be distributed to kids to take home so they have something to eat over the weekend. She feels this is a good team-building exercise and chance to meet other NEFPS members in a different setting. Accepted as information. None

Global Health Initiative – Dr. Goldhagen floated the idea of establishing a travel fund for residents who might want to pursue a global health project. He suggested the Society contribute and open it to members for additional, personal, contributions. Dr. Toney suggested starting a separate fund driven by individual member contributions. Dr. Bridgham felt that UF Residency Program should provide the overwhelming majority of funding for such a program, perhaps the Society provide a small, defined, amount but he also questioned if this type of request was relative to the Society’s mission statement (see statement below). Accepted as information. None

“NEFPS Mission Statement: The NEFPS is a society for practitioners dedicated to the health care of children in Northeast Florida.

It serves as a center for organization of volunteer activities, and serves as a forum for communication about the needs of children and the needs of the health care practitioners who care for children.

The Society wishes to meet the needs of pediatric healthcare professionals in Northeast Florida and create a sense of community through the support of volunteer and social activities.”

Discussion ensued. Dr. Goldhagen requested a formal proposal to NEFPS executive and advisory committees regarding support of a global health initiative. Dr. Atkins asked that he draw up the proposal and submit to Ms. Zebe who will share it with the committee prior to the July 31 meeting. Funding levels and soliciting requests for funding were discussed.

Website/Job Openings & Resume Submissions – The Executive Committee decided to remove the ability to post job openings and resumes on the NEFPS website. Several other entities (DCMS, Nemours, UF, PediaLink) already have this capability and personnel to manage it, the executive committee considered our attempts redundant and ineffective. Accepted as information. None

**STANDING
 BUSINESS**

<p><u>School Health Program Report:</u> No report. Dr. Beverly is in the Dominican Republic on a mission trip.</p>	None	None
<p><u>Children’s Medical Services (CMS) /Duval County Medical Society (DCMS)/Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP):</u> No report</p>	None	None
<p><u>WCH Update:</u> Dr. Bridgham reported –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Critical Care Tower</u> – ground breaking for the new tower occurred a couple of weeks ago. The project should take about two years. Looking forward to the additional NICU beds, they will be utilized immediately. • <u>FL State Legislature</u> – completed work for this session. The outcome has been positive for fewer cuts in some areas but for the outpatient revenue rate there are more cuts and a little hit on inpatient funding. • <u>Brett McClung</u> – new Baptist CEO will start on July 1. He has not administrated a children’s hospital so there will be a learning process for him. He will most likely defer to Mr. Aubin. Mr. Greene’s last day will be June 30. • <u>Nursery Construction</u> – there is a major redo in the 3 Pavilion space, patients are being moved to 5 Weaver in the interim. The Nursery project’s slated to take about a year. • <u>Weaver 5/Telemetry</u> – Dr. Atkins asked if there were adult telemetry patients on 5 Weaver. Dr. Bridgham said he would look into it. She said parents had mentioned this to her when she’s visited newborn nurse patients. 	Accepted as information.	None
<p><u>University of Florida:</u> Dr. Childers reported that in December of 2018, privatization of Medicaid began, the Medicaid Modernization Act (MMA), It will require that each of the 15 Early Steps programs (5 in NE Florida) negotiate independently with each of the MMAs in the State. Currently in the Northeast Florida region, 17-18% of Medicaid children are not receiving Early Steps authorized services due to MMAs not having providers on their panels due to reimbursement rates which are too low to attract providers.</p>	Accepted as information.	None
<p><u>Nemours Children’s Specialty Care (NCSC) Update:</u> No report.</p>	None	None
<p><u>St. Vincent’s Family Medicine Residency Program Update:</u> Dr. Kellogg noted that there would be eleven residents graduating in June, one from the Navy, there will be ten interns starting July 1.</p>	Accepted as information.	None
<p><u>Secretary –Treasurer’s Report:</u> Dr. Kellogg reported that the current balance in our checking account is \$25,354.30 and that, as of the end of 2018, there were 229 members.</p>	Accepted as information.	

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting of the Northeast Florida Pediatric Society will take place on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 8:00am in Function Room C at Baptist Medical Center.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Julie Kellogg, MD
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

Bethany Atkins, MD
NEFPS President